

## Senate COVID-19 Prevention Measures

### *2022 Legislative Session of the General Assembly*

Prioritizing the health and safety of Georgia Senate members, staff and individuals conducting business at the Capitol is a top priority for Senate leadership. After reviewing internal numbers related to Senate routine COVID-19 testing and vaccination rates, the Senate has compiled the following safety guidelines for the 2022 Legislative Session to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

All activity related to the virus will continue to be closely monitored within the Senate, with these guidelines subject to change if deemed appropriate and/or necessary.

Out of an abundance of caution, the Lieutenant Governor's Office, Office of the Senate President Pro Tempore and Senate leadership have proactively made the following arrangements and recommendations for members, staff and Senate visitors for the 2022 Legislative Session:

1. On-site COVID-19 testing will take place twice a week in the Senate.
  - Testing will be conducted by the Georgia Institute of Technology through GA Tech's saliva-based testing program.
  - All members and staff shall test twice weekly, **regardless of vaccination status**.
  - Contact tracing will take place in the event an individual receives a positive test while maintaining privacy and following federal law.
2. All members, staff and individuals conducting business within the Senate are **firmly urged to receive full vaccination status** before the General Assembly convenes for the 2022 Legislative Session.
  - It is firmly advised that individuals who have not received full vaccination wear a mask at all times in public. This guidance will be applicable to all individuals conducting business within the Senate throughout the session.
  - Members and staff in need of a mask or additional test may request one from the General Assembly's Department of Human Resources.
3. Members of the public will be able to view Senate proceedings from the Senate Gallery, located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Capitol. Occupancy will be limited to 50% capacity. Unvaccinated individuals are advised to wear a mask while in the gallery.
4. As with legislative sessions prior to COVID-19, members of the media will be permitted to view Senate proceedings from the Senate Press Gallery in accordance with Senate COVID-19 safety protocols.

- Media will not be permitted in the Senate Press Gallery without a credential for the 2022 Legislative Session. For more information on the credential process, please contact Senate Press Office Director Andrew Allison at [Andrew.Allison@senate.ga.gov](mailto:Andrew.Allison@senate.ga.gov).
5. The Senate Page Program and all special presentations will continue to be suspended in an effort to limit the number of individuals within the Senate Chamber.

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